



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(MBHB Case No. 01-301)

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2-1804

In re Application of:

Alastair Hugh Chisolm, et al.

Serial No.: 09/691,649

Filed: October 17, 2000

For: Network Management Apparatus )  
and Method for Identifying Causal )  
Events on a Network )

) Examiner: Singh, Noel K.

) Group Art Unit: 2153

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2003. Applicants submit herewith a petition for extension of time, and the requisite fee of \$420.00.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2.

**REMARKS** related to the amendments begin on page 8.